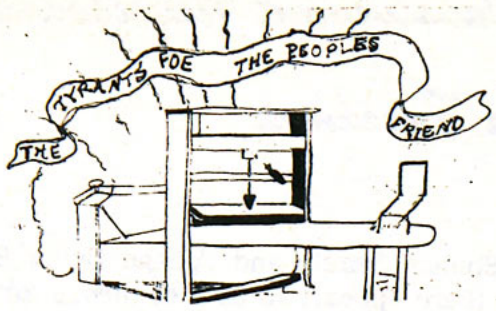

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Reporters Barred From Interviews

By JOHN GALLAGHER

Independent Monarch reporters have been barred from administrative interviews despite college President Dr. Thomas B. Southard's earlier announcement that reporters would be granted interviews in most cases, when asked for.

Southard told two staff members that he had not instructed his staff not to talk with Independent Monarch reporters. However, a memo was issued to all administrators from the Office of Public Information, saying that there was an "alleged" off-campus newspaper being established and all administrators were to clear all interviews with the paper through the Director of Public Information, Joy Shepherd, who would accompany the reporter over to the person being interviewed, providing permission was granted through her office.

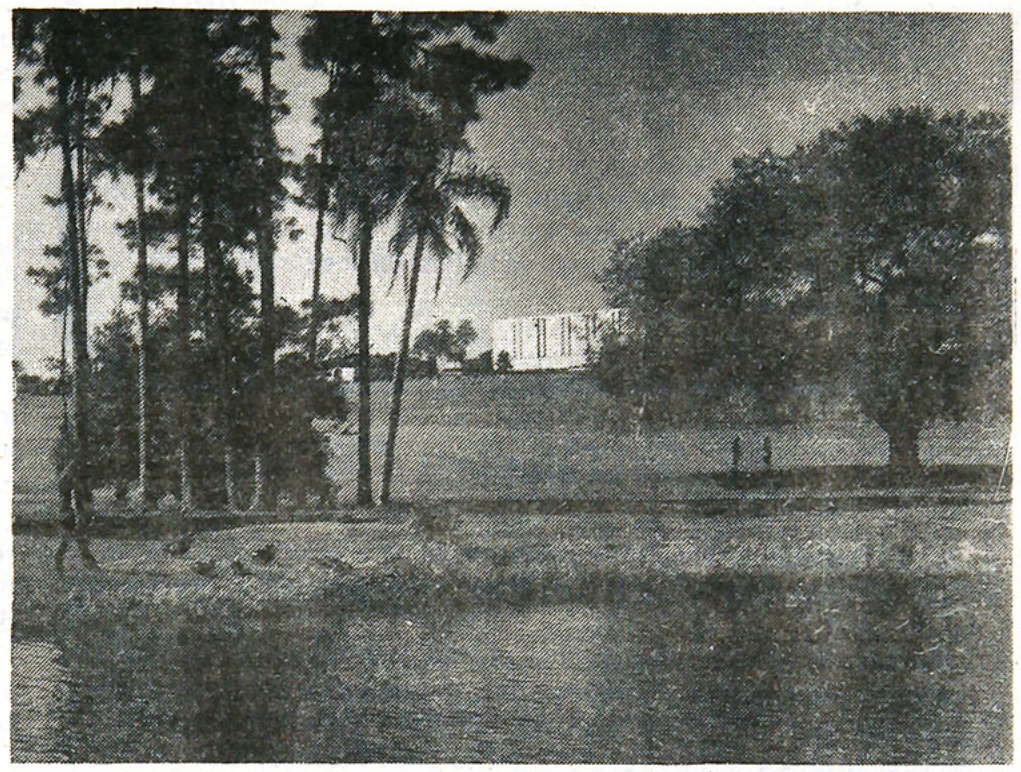
The new Director of Housing, Mr. Bob Smith, had agreed to be interviewed, providing the reporter was cleared by the college. The Independent Monarch called Southard, who in turn directed the paper not to interview Smith because, as Southard put it, "He's new." Southard was told that the purpose of the article was merely to acquaint the community with Smith. He still insisted that Smith not be interviewed.

The following week The Independent Monarch was told by Dr. Robert Peterson, the Vice President of Academic Affairs, that he would be willing to be interviewed, providing Shepherd approved. It was learned that Ms. Shepherd was home sick that afternoon. She was contacted at home and gave permission for the interview with Peterson.

Peterson was then reached for the purpose of setting up the interview. He asked the exact nature of the proposed article and was told it was to let the community know the duties of his job. Peterson then told the reporter that the article might not be in the college's best legal interest, taking into account the collective bargaining issue. He then told the reporter that it would be better to hold off the interview for a while, until the issue was settled.

An attempt was made to introduce Dr. Robert Ackerman, Vice President of Student Affairs, to the community. Ackerman was contacted by The Independent Monarch last Thursday evening and was asked for an interview. Ackerman agreed to the interview and set it for the following afternoon. When two of the reporters met him they were told that he did not think it was wise to grant an interview to the paper, his reasons being that he did not want to be an "issue" and he was not yet familiar with his duties as the new vice president. He later called one of the reporters and aplogized for the inconvenience caused the reporter, expressing the hope that the two could get together and talk things over.

The Independent Monarch learned Monday that Sheperd would make college news releases available. There was no word, however, from Sheperd on the interview policy of the college.



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A View From St. Leo. *Leo's Sixth Hole*

Independent Monarch Gets Funds

By JOHN GALLAGHER

Last Thursday roughly 178 of Saint Leo College's approximate 900 students took time out to vote on a referendum to give The Independent Monarch funds totalling $1,000 per semester. The final tabulation was 123 in favor of allocating the funds to the paper, 55 against.

Also being voted on was the election of members to the College Union Board, which is responsible for the campus entertainment. In the Senior Class both Kevin Lamb and Terry Chavez won seats with 54 votes each. Craig Lafferty and Rich Deluca also won with 38 and 31 votes, respectively. Shirley McCarthy and Jim Lumbra were unsuccessful with 29 and 25 votes each.

Mary Esther Murphy and Walter Cermack won by acclamation in the Junior Class, with two seats remaining to be filled. In the Sophomore Class Sterling Eaves, Cathy Joyce, Paul Posada and Mike Quinlan all won uncontested. Bernie Loocker was the only candidate for the four Freshman Class seats.

Gmuer Fund Nears Goal

Announcement was made Monday that the Gmuer Fund had received almost $300 in donations to date.

"We are pleased with the generosity of the community and believe it will continue," said Dr. Anthony Zaitz, chairman of the fund raising committee. Zaitz told The Independent Monarch that all donations are being held confidential and monies collected are being placed in a special account. "Our goal is $500 and we are going to make it, but time is becomign a critical factor," Zaitz said.

The fund was established to help defray legal costs to pay for current litigation. Dr. Rosanne Gmuer, former Chairman of the Division of Creative Teaching, was "summarily terminated" on August 28 by St. Leo College President Thomas B. Southard. In Gmuer's termination notice, Southard cited reasons of union activity, alleging that she had violated a ruling of the National Labor Relations Board. The NLRB had ruled that divisional chairmen were supervisors and were not to be included in the bargaining unit. Gmuer has said that she desisted from union activity following the NLRB ruling.

Donations may be made in care of the "Gmuer Fund", Box 2315, St. Leo, FL. 33574.

Tennis Courts Completed

By JOHN GALLAGHER

During the past few days work crews have been finishing several of the new college recreational improvements. Over the summer two additional tennis courts were erected between Roderick Hall and the Activities Center. The new courts will be lighted, enabling students to play at night. The courts between St. Edward Hall and Crawford have been expanded and are now regulation size.

Student Body President Dennis Mullen also told The Independent Monarch that plans are being made for a waterline to the Lake Jovita Lakefront. Mullen also said that the area would have lighting, bathroom facilities and an electrical outlet for possible future concerts. Today at 4:00 p.m. the Student Senate will vote whether or not to allocate $1,000 to defer the cost of light installation.

The projects were financed from the 1975-76 Capital Improvement Budget and from a restricted donation to the College. The administration declined to provide exact figures of the construction costs.

Faculty Elects McCabe

The St. Leo College Faculty Association held its annual elections last Thursday and chose acting president Col. Edward McCabe as its president for the 1975-76 academic year. McCabe has been serving in the place of Dr. Rosanne Gmuer.

Also elected were Dr. Anthony Zaitz, vice president, and Dr. Myndall Stanfill, recording secretary.

Selected to serve on the Academic Affairs committee was John Hall who replaces Maura Snyder, who resigned the position.

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St. Leo Students, Thanks

Last Thursday's vote of confidence in the efforts of *The Independent Monarch* by the St. Leo Student Body is much appreciated by the staff.

We extend to the community a pledge to continue to pursue a course of providing news, information and editorial leadership. We thank the students for the trust exhibited in the staff through their decision to allocate $1000 per semester to *The Independent Monarch*.

Campus Involvement Necessary For Freshmen

As the first week of Student Senate and College Union Board meetings get under way there appears to be a challenge for both organizations: Getting freshmen involved in the affairs of the campus.

Except in the elections for the Association of Woman Students there seems to be a lack of freshmen participation. Only one freshman took out a petition for the College Union Board leaving three vacancies. There also appears to be limited interest from freshmen in the Senate. This is a trend which must be broken for the benefit of all concerned.

The freshman student should be acutely interested in matters taken up by these bodies as they are responsible for creating half of the operating budgets of these organizations, approximately $13,000 per semester. Any group that puts up that much capital should be interested in having a voice in their expenditure.

Freshman involvement in the Senate and the CUB would be good for the school, too. The freshman, unlike members of other classes, have no special interests and have not settled into any routine and can, therefore, be a source of new ideas and talent.

It's been said that many freshmen come to St. Leo and become bored with the small town atmosphere saying there is nothing to do. If there is "nothing to do" then get into an organization and see to it that there is something done.

Since freshmen make up half the school's population, the leadership of the Senate and CUB should be interested in finding out what they can do for the freshmen.

The Independent Monarch stands ready to do what it can to help.

Some Words Of Caution For St. Leo Dorm Dwellers

It is important in every society, large or small, for the people to have adequate and safe housing. When this basic instint of man is fulfilled, then, and only then, can he continue on the daily course of life.

The State of Florida has compiled a series of laws, under the Landlord Tenant Act, that protects both the interests of the tenant and the landlord, Florida state laws does not have any legal standing on educational campuses. This is unfortunate.

St. Leo College has compiled a housing contract for all resident students that has very few benefits for the tenant. If a student were to move into an apartment building resembling the resident halls, he would be in a far better position.

In the resident halls a student is promised by his Housing Contract the privacy of his assigned room. The State of Florida also promises privacy but backs up that promise with the law.

At St. Leo there are many clauses in the Housing Contract that give College personnel the right to enter a student's living quarters. The Contract states that a room may be entered for normal inspection and maintenance but that a student's personal effects cannot be examined unless permission is given by the student. BUT the contract goes on to say that the College has the right to enter a room and inspect a student's personal effects under certain conditions. The most outstanding of those special conditions being if there is reasonable belief that there is a violation of public law or College standards.

The Question is, why else would the College administration want to enter a student's room and inspect his personal effects if not to bring a legal charge against him or her. It is doubtful that Mr. Rich has allocated in the school's budget, extra money so little surprise parties can be given on all resident student's birthday.

If a student were living in an off campus dwelling the landlord would not have the right to enter the dwelling unit at his pleasure. The tenant has the right to refuse access.

If a tenant living in an off campus dwelling unit has a problem with any services promised to him in his initial contract he has the right to reduce his rent accordingly. A student has no such rights. The College is not liable even if the electricity goes off.

The State of Florida has also set up many stipulations whereby a tenant can get outof his contract because of bad service. At St. Leo there are very few situations where a student can get out of his housing contract. A student is permitted to move out of his room if he gets married, if the college runs out of rooms and cannot place him, if he gets expelled or is not readmitted, if he can prove that he has a serious health problem or if he joins the armed forces. It is assumed by this author that there is only one other way out of the residential contract. Death.

But to the surprise of many students this section does not apply to both parties in the contract. The College has the right to change or cancel room assignments in the interest of order (I have never seen any signs of order in any of St. Leo's dorms), health, discipline, maximum utilization of facilities or disaster.

The State of Florida has very many strict regulations concerning the removal of tenants from a dwelling unit.

The College is not legally bound to follow laws set down by the State of Florida but one would think that they would be more than willing to cooperate. I would like to suggest that the leaders of the Student Government Organization get together and draw up a new Student Housing Contract that will benefit the students as well as the College.

Independent Monarch Editorials

Student Government Association

Vice President Sees "Vastly Different" Senate This Year

By VINNY PAYNE
SGA Vice President

The Senate will convene on Thursday, September 18 at 4 p.m. This year's agenda will be vastly different from last year's due to the assumption of social activity planning by College Union Board (CUB).

Last year's Student Senate, under the direction of then Senate President Dennis Mullen, was able to make many changes around the campus. Among the accomplishments were the abolishment of curfew for freshman girls and the expansion of the residency requirement to include juniors. In cooperation with the CUB and various other organizations, the Senate brought about the reconditioning of the dock area on Lake Jovita to include picnic tables and barbeque grills. Also, the tennis courts in front of Roderick were started this summer, due to the efforts of these same organizations.

As you can see, a lot has been done, but there is still much more that can still be done to make St. Leo even better! This year's Senate has unlimited potential.

The representative base of the Senate has been broadened this year to include delegates from all organizations on campus as well as class presidents. By doing this I feel that I will be able to obtain a representation of not only the student body at large but also their special interests.

I would lik eto personally invite any student to join the Senate. There are no special qualifications and no limit has been established for the size of the Senate. Drop by the SGA office in St. Edward Hall if you are interested.

Opposite The Editorial Page

Letters To The Editor

And Guest Columns

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An invitation is extended to members of the community who wish to express their views on the issues of the day to write the editor. Letters to the editor must bear the author's name and should not ordinarily exceed 350 words. The INDEPENDENT MONARCH reserves the right to edit any letter.

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Reader Praises Staffer

Editor, The Independent Monarch:

Just want to say, I read **Summer Days** and **Sunday Morning Blues.** I don't know of anything I have read for some time that I have enjoyed so much.

Whoever Sarah Mulligan is, she is quite a writer. Just hope I'm lucky enough to get future copies.

Sunday Morning Blues was beautiful.

My first letter ever on any article. Just wanted to comment.

SAM POWERS
St. Pete carrier

SATIRE

Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About San Antonians .

St. Leo Students And Mosquitoes

By TONY ARNADE
Guest Columnist

It could have been just another typical hot summer day in San Antonio. The Spanish moss hung straight down from the oak trees, kids were lazily circling the streets on their high-handlebar bicycles and every now and then a dog would break the monotony by rolling over. There were also thousands of lovebugs. They are insects unique to Florida which look like mosquitoes but don't bite. There's another difference between lovebugs and mosquitoes. If you look closely you will notice lovebugs are called lovebugs because they come by twos. Mosquitoes come by the millions.

The day passed without incident and soon the sun dropped and the city of San Antonio began awakening to its nightlife. Some machine turned on the lights at the Jiffy Store on Highway 52. Also the lovebugs turned into mosquitoes. That's an old Mother Nature trick which is also unique to Florida. No one really knows if lovebugs turn into mosquitoes but there is a rumor floating around the bars of San Antonio that mosquitoes are made that way and if you live in a small town with only two telephone booths, rumors are mighty important. Especially if you pick up a thousand mosquito bites every night.

Well, the reason it wasn't just another typical day in San Antonio is because St. Leo was returning; well that was the rumor and remember, if you live in a small town where there is nothing else to do but go to church, drink beer, and gossip about all the people who don't go to church or drink beer, then you will realize how important it was that St. Leo was returning. Not the Saint, though. We're not a collection of religious fanatics down here in San Antonio. When a San Antonio resident says St. Leo is coming back either he means the students at St. Leo College are returning or nobody listens to him because the guy is a religious fanatic.

Now it may be hard for an eighteen-year-old kid to leave the security of his parents' mansion in Hartford, Connecticut and come down here to live with us grits in Pasco County, where our high school kids are fed chewing tobacco for lunch, but it's also not easy for us local inhabitants to adjust to all the new Northeners. After all we not only get St. Leo students but we also have retired couples from all over the North circling around our county looking for the right turnoff to Disney World. And most of them weren't retired when they started circling.

In order to help smooth out the differences between the typical San Antonio citizen and the typical St. Leo student, I have devised a list below which will dispel many of the rumors (and you know how important rumors are around here) St. Leo students have been telling about the inhabitants of Pasco County.

St. Leo's misconceptions:

Misconception 1 — Love bugs turn into mosquitoes at nightfall. Not only that but the kids at Pasco High eat chewing tobacco for lunch.

Misconception 2 — There are alligators in Lake Jovita. The last time a St. Leo student asked me that, I was fishing down at the St. Leo dock and this white faced kid walks up, takes off his tennis shoes, and then while standing on one leg and pulling off his white sock on the other, the student turns and in one short huff asks, "Hey man, are there really alligators in the lake here?" I pulled up my line and in a slow Southern drawl answered, "Hell no, the piranha ate them years ago." Now that was a dirty trick because actually there are no piranha at all in Lake Jovita. The alligators ate them years ago.

Misconception 3 — The San Ann city limits sign says resume speed ahead. Well, what do you want, New York City?

Misconception 4 — All residents of San Antonio are a bunch of bigoted rednecks, who do nothing all day but sit on their front porches and count how many times their dogs roll over, and the highlight of these people's week is going to church on Sundays.

This is an unfair and bigoted evaluation of us San Antonio citizens made by certain students who do not know the people or the area well. We go to church on Saturday nights.

Misconception 5 — Pasco County once had miles of beachfront, and was full of surfers, beautiful bikini clad women, and had a wild nightlife right under the coconut palms, just like we expected it to be back up in Hartford, but when the citizens of San Antonio heared we were coming they hid it all where no one could find it.

This is also not true. We local inhabitants know where it's hidden and we can find all the beautiful bikini clad women any time we want.

Misconception 6 — At least misconception 4 was partially right. These people really are rednecks.

This is not true. I happened to be down at the Jiffy store one afternoon and was buying some chewing tobacco for my girlfriend when I heard this. One St. Leo freshman was telling the other, "Watch it around the local bars, these people around here are rednecks." Obviously the fellow had never seen a redneck before because he said it in a loud enough voice for all the rednecks across the street to hear. Nothing happened though. It just started another wave of rumors in the bars.

Misconception 7 — The mosquitoes bite like this all year around. This is not true either because ninety per cent of the mosquitoes die off with the first cold spell and then another larger breed of mosquitoes hatch out in December. These mosquitoes don't bite though. They just swallow you whole.

Misconception 8 — The mosquitoes change back into love bugs at daybreak. Only when St. Leo is back. The rest of the year they stay mosquitoes all day long and sometimes our dogs don't roll over, it gets awful monotonous around here so we start these wild rumors. If you all think the students don't understand San Antonio, well you all ought to hear what we say about all the kids up in Hartford. We think they all live in mansions.

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Walk The Sandy Surf

San Antonio St. Leo Community News

San Antonio St. Leo Events Calendar

Thursday, September 19 PILGRIM PEOPLE — Community prayer meeting held every Thursday at the Pilgrim House, next to the social science office building at St. Leo College at 7:30 p.m.; STUDENT SENATE — First Senate meeting 4:00 p.m., Selby Auditorium.

Sunday, September 21 — ST. LEO CLUB FOOTBALL GAME — Tampa Rangers, Home, 2:00 p.m., College Field.

Monday, September 22 — OVER 50's CLUB — Meets 1-4 p.m. to play cards at Spencer Hall in San Ann; TENNIS I-M — Tennis season begins 4-5 p.m., and 5-6 p.m.; SERTOMA — Meets at Peak's Restaurant at 7:00 p.m. Interested parties contact Pat Reilly, at 588-2894.

Tuesday, September 23 — FLAG FOOTBALL — Season begins. Games Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-7 p.m., 7-8 p.m.; ST. LEO SOCCER — Game against FTU, 3:30 at the home field; SOFTBALL I-M — Season bgins. Games 7-9 p.m. at the San Ann Park.

Friday, September 26 — Intramural Swimming, entry deadline.

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First Step Of Pasco

Citizens Group Aids Parolees

First Step of Pasco, Inc., is a non-profit corporation which was chartered in January of 1975 and which is designed to help people who are coming out of prison. First Step was officially chartered to promote and assist in the rehabilitation of persons placed on parole or probation in Pasco County.

First Step functions in conjunction with the Florida Parole and Probation Commission, but at the same time, the organization functions independent of this agency. First Step hopes to accent Parole and Probation activities, by giving better treatment and services to probationers and parolees than they could receive regularly, due to lack of funds.

The problem, in First Step President Mike Alessandro's words, is that "the person getting out of prison has many more problems than most people. They have problems getting jobs, with their marriage and family, along with individual difficulties. First Step aims to give the available treatment to the individual to help them get back on course. To give the person whatever he or she needs, whether it's vocational, psychological, psychiatric services or group therapy sessions."

First Step is governed and managed by a slate of officers from the community who volunteer their services to assisting and promoting the development of treatment to probationers and parolees. The Board of Directors currently has 12 seats, some of which are vacant. The Board meets next week to choose more directors.

The program is set up as a way of providing increased services to parolees and probationers which have been actively supported and promoted by the courts, civic clubs and community leaders. First Step is a community effort, which depends upon community support. Alessandro hopes to get retired people who are familiar with the criminal justice system, as well as college students (preferably criminology majors) to get involved with the program and to donate a little time. The program also needs volunteers who would be willing to go into the prisons and compete in athletics with the prisoners. Ventures such as these are an attempt to re-establish relations with the outside world before the prisoner is released.

The program presently has no money to speak of, but the directors hope to receive grants through the Law Enforcement Assistance Act. The program directors anticipate contributions from the community at large, but as of yet, have not received any substantial monies.

The program aims to appoint a full time director who will, among other duties, coordinate civic groups who want to donate time to help out with the project. The program should be in full swing by November of this year. Any interested persons who wish to volunteer time, or services, or make any donations to First Step should contact Mike Alessandro at 588-2006.

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Pasco Health Unit Offers

Many Free Services

The Pasco County Health Department offers a variety of services to the residents of Pasco County.

These services include free immunizations, family planning and maternity clinics, and tests and treatments for such diseases as tuberculosis, diabetes, rheumatic fever, epilepsy and veneral diseases.

Nursing is the most well known area of the Health Unit. Presently there are six nurses in the Dade City Clinic and their duties cover quite a range. Each nurse has a section of East Pasco County to cover, and the nurses do field work in that particular area. In addition to thise each nurse has at least two local schools assigned to them, which they frequently visit during the week.

Nurses also hold clinics daily between 8-11 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. General clinics are held on Monday and Tuesday mornings and with some exceptions all day Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Monday afternoons a family planning clinic is held. Tuesday afternoons a free immunization clinic is held in the Dade City Unit, there is also a free immunization clinic in Lacoochee on Tuesday afternoons and in the Municipal Building in Zephyrhills on Wednesday afternoons. The first Tuesday of each month is used for an X-Ray clinic for tuberculosis patients.

The Health Department tests and treats people for many diseases, primarily tuberculosis, diabetes, and venereal diseases. The Health Department also dispenses birth control pills and intra uterine devices through its family planning program.

The Sanitation Department of the Health Unit investiates conditions which may be threatening to the public health. Some of the sanitarians duties are the inspection of: restaurants and bars, food processing plants, and septic tank systems.

A major part of the sanitarian's time is spent investigating the sources of epidemological diseases such as hepatitis, encephalitis, typhoid and salmonella infections.

The Sanitation Department also looks into any cases which involve animal bites that may lead to rabies infection.

Copies of vital statistics records can be bought at the Health Department. Records of any births or deaths which have occurred in Pasco County are on file in the health clinic, and copies of these may be obtained for a nominal fee.

The clinic is located at 602 South 17th Street, adjacent to Jackson Memorial Hospital. be are any further questions concerning these services call 567-5468 for more complete information.

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Even Crosses

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Hazy Morning

Free Seed And Hard Work

Make For Bountiful Harvest

DADE CITY — Little experience and a lack of rain didn't deter 147 gardeners from raising over $14,000 worth of fresh vegetables. A spokesman for Trilby Manor Civics Club (TMCC) in Dade City announced today that its Home Gardening Program, which provided low-income families of Pasco County with seed, fertilizer, and technical assistance for starting home gardens, "was a tremendous success. Over 10 tons of vegetables were harvested by families who could not afford seed and fertilizer, much less afford to buy this much produce at the supermarkets."

Together with local civic, social, and educational institutions, the Gardening Program held classes, took soil samples, advised, encouraged, and distributed to gardeners this spring about $400 worth of seed and fertilizer. With the help of volunteers from the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP) and parttime student workers in the Pasco County Migrant Program, TMCC helped establish 137 backyard gardens and 10 "community gardens."

The community gardens were on land loaned by the City of Dade City and on the premises of Head Start and elementary schools. These gardens served individuals who either had not the land, or had not the capability of growing their own crop. For example, the community gardens benefited the Dade City Day-Care Center children and the Dade City Convalescent Home residents. "However," the spokesman added, "the emphasis of the Home Gardening Program is self-help: eager individuals are given the means and they do the work resulting in a bountiful harvest."

These self-help, or "Independence Gardens", harvested 18 types of vegetables. For example, an estimated 2,700 pounds of tomatoes were grown, 1,390 pounds of lima beans, 2,000 pounds of Irish potatoes, 660 pounds of turnips. "Most popular with the gardeners were the 4,200 pounds of blackeye peas and the 2,070 pounds of okra," according to the program director Adriel Woodman.

The figures quoted above are from a TMCC report, released today, on a survey of over half of the gardeners who were asked to give rough estimates of their yieldf. The report makes clear that all figures are rough estimates: "It is impossible to place an even nearly precise dollar value on this 10 ton harvest. However, using current supermarket prices, a good guess can be made."

Okra, for example, is now being sold at 78 cents per pound in local stores. In the Home Gardening Program, more than a ton of okra worth, therefore, over $1,600 was grown with small investment of money and a large investment of enthusiasm.

The spokesman for TMCC mentions, "especially, don't forget that the gardeners raised not just vegetables, but garden fresh vegetables. They raised their family's health through the exercise and extra nutrition. They raised our hopes, too, that this Fall, with over 170 gardens planted, the self-help project will help these poor families to help themselves even more."

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Sandcastles Of Tomorrow

By SARAH MULLIGAN

The great mass of blue seems to wash all things clean. It comes in time and again caressing each shell turning it, leaving it shining in the sun. The sparkle of each grain of sand represents a lifetime of hours, days washed clean by the continual flooding of foam. As the winds picks up the sandflies, it stings the skin, stings and sticks, only to be washed clean by the waves.

The gulls call to each other, loud and most rudely, always interrupting a quiet conversation. The breeze speaks to each swell, guiding it landward. A wave surges, curls, and falls quickly, answering with a crash, a swish onto shore then sucked back and towed out only to come in again.

The monotony of a day made excellent by her glassy reflections and violent changes. How quickly she rises to fearful heights, churning, brewing with such passion she nears hate. A power exhibited, but restrained by some unknown force, held back and soon replaced by the serene calm beauty which is hers to extend.

The force of each wave seems to reach deeply into the soul, to cleanse each thought and leave it clear, the waters wash through the ruins of yesterday to clear a place for the sandcastles of tomorrow.

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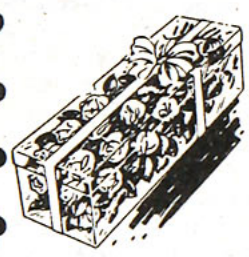

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Faculty Send Southard And Board A Letter

In Response To Gmuer Firing

The following letter was composed by the St. Leo College Faculty association in response to the firing of Dr. Roseanne Gmuer and sent to the president of the college and to the members of the board of trustees. According to faculty spokesmen no response to the letter has been received as of Monday.

Dear Dr. Southard:

We all know that under ordinary conditions formidable problems are inherent in the educational process; surely we all agree that the faculty, with the cooperation of the administration, bears a most grave obligation to expend their best ingenuity and efforts to obviate the difficulties.

Now, however, the emotional climate at Saint Leo is anything but ideal for our efforts. We feel that one of the most serious responsibilities of the president of a Catholic liberal arts college is the providing of moral leadership. As professional educators in such a college, and therefore as persons almost daily engaged with students in discussions of moral values, we wish to convey to you our distress over the deepening moral crisis at Saint Leo College created, we think, by the actions of the College leadership over the past year and culminating in the dismissal of Dr. Rosanne Gmuer.

We assume that you are not insensitive to our concern about the ethical direction of the College, for in a recent administrative leaflet the following statement appears:

> At Saint Leo, we believe our students should leave our campus with more than a mindful of facts and figures. We believe they should take with them a sense of strong moral values ... and a quest for enduring truth.
>
> Formal education is simply not enough. What good is attained, what understanding is there of human dignity, democracy, adjustment and contribution to society, or even personal success if these subjects are not considered relevant to a standard of moral worth?

We enthusiastically endorse that statement as an admirable goal for a liberal arts college, but not a few of us, fearing that the College is critically ill, doubt the firm commitment of some members of the College leadership to subscribe to that goal. Although it is we who are intimately involved with the students, the attainment of the goal is not our responsibility alone; it is also the responsibility of the administration and Board of Trustees, whose moral leadership is under greater public scrutiny than is that of the faculty. It is little use telling us through a missive or a subordinate that our fears are groundless; we must be made to feel that they are by you.

We therefore urge you, for the good of the College, to meet with us soon. We can understand your reluctance to discuss the legal aspects of Dr. Gmuer's case, but it is inconceivable to us that you, the president of an institution of higher learning, would refuse to meet with your faculty to discuss, apart from their legal implications, a series of incidents that, in our opinion, has undermined the moral character of the College.

FOR THE FACULTY ASSOCIATION:

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Know Your Rights As A Rentor

Many people in the San Ann-St. Leo Community have not been aware of certain rights they hold in common — their rights as tenants. Some people are not aware that as rentors, they have rights which their landlords must observe. These rights cover anybody renting residential property in the State of Florida (students living in educational facilities are not included).

Landlords at all times must comply with the requirements of applicable building, housing and health codes. What does this mean?

It means that the landlord must maintain the roofs, windows, screens, doors, floors, steps, porches, exterior walls, foundations, and all other structural components. He must also keep the plumbing in working condition.

Unless a person signs a lease that alters the following, the landlord must also provide these services: (not including single dwelling houses or duplexes).

1. The extermination of bugs, rats, mice, roaches, ants and bedbugs.
2. Locks and keys.
3. The clean and safe condition of common areas.
4. Garbage removal or outside receptacles.
5. Heat during the winter and hot as well as running water.

Landlords do not have the right to enter their rental property any time they wish. The tenant has the right to refuse access. The landlord can only enter the dwelling unit under specific circumstances.

The tenant must not "unreasonably withhold consent" for the landlord to enter from time to time in order for him to inspect the premises and make needed repairs.

The landlord may enter the dwelling unit with the consent of the tenant, in case of emergency and when, for an extended period of time, the tenant refuses access.

The landlord shall not abuse the right of access nor use it to harass the tenant.

All of the above laws are enforceable by civil action.

If a landlord fails to act on the grievance of a tenant as specified above after a seven day notification period, the tenant has the right to break the lease.

If the tenant continues to live in a dwelling when the landlord hasnot fulfilled his part of the contract or has not obeyed state law, the tenant has the right to reduce the rent accordingly.

The landlord may also terminate the rental agreement if a tenant does not obey the law of if a tenant does not pay his rent three days after a written notice.

If a landlord accepts rent for a dwelling unit that has a noncompliance or if a tenant moves into a dwelling unit with knowledge of a noncompliance, the other party is not liable or responsible.

If a landlord demands that the tenant pay a damage deposit, that money must be held in a separate account by the landlord and the tenant must have knowledge of its whereabouts. It cannot be intermingled with the landlord's other monies.

The deposit must also be returned in full to the tenant within 15 days of the end of the contract.

St. Leo Housing Contract

Students at St. Leo College are among the few groups around whose housing contracts are not covered by the State statutes under The Landlord Tenant Act.

Students living on campus at St. Leo signed a housing contract before they were permitted to enter their room that listed the rules and regulations that must be followed.

The contract states that a student is entitled to the privacy of his assigned room, the use of facilities of his residence hall and the service rendered in order to pursue his educational goal.

The contract is good from the first day before registration and ends 24 hours after the last day of classes. Room rent does not cover residence during any vacation periods, or between semesters.

A release from this contract will be allowed if the student is denied admission or readmission to the college, if the space is not available, if the student gets married, if there is a health problem attested to by a doctor or if the student joins the armed forces.

A student is not permitted to sublet the rented room and a transfer is possible only with the written approval of the Department of Housing.

The student is responsible for keeping the room clean and orderly at all times.

The school has the right to charge students for damages made to room or for unauthorized use or alterations of rooms. The contract also states that students are jointly responsible for care of public areas and equipment.

The College is not responsible for damage or loss of property, failure or interruption of utilities, or injury to persons.

Authorized College personnel may enter student rooms for normal inspection and maintenance. The College personnel are not permitted to inspect the personal property of a student unless the student's permission is given. The College can only inspect a student's personal effects if there is reasonable belief that there is a violation of public law, College Standards, or if the possibility ofimminent hazard to person or property is present.

The College has the right to change or cancel room assignments in the interest of order, health, discipline, maximum utilization of facilities or disaster, after due notice is given to the assignee.

The contract states that students are responsible for all regulations and procedures set forth in official publications.

Sports Commentary

Rough Start For Soccer Team

St. Leo Sports

By JUDE MICHAEL RYAN

The airship, St. Leo Soccer, went down in a ball of flames last Sunday at the hands of the University College, of Dublin Ireland, by the score of 6 to 0.

The St. Leo attack was non-existent and the defense was constantly under pressure due to its inability to consistently clear the ball past midfield. Jim Burns had the dubious honor of tending goal for the Monarchs for most of the game as he was bombarded by shot after shot from the Irish team. By the time the game was over one had to give the Monarchs credit for being able to walk off the field. I, personally, would have waited for a stretcher, because many of the players were forced to play almost the entire game due to a depth? I meant people. The bench was composed of more assistant coaches than composed of more assistant coaches than it was of reserves. This is not to say that there aren't any soccer players at St. Leo. On the contrary, there are many, but some have elected not to play this year. You may remember that several players quit the soccer team toward the end of last season when altercations occured between Coach Swart and the players.

The soccer team that we saw take the field for St. Leo was perhaps the weakest I have seen in three years here. Although I would hope that judgment to be premature, the team seemed to lack any coordination or sense of direction. We will have to wait to see whether this statement is accurate, but it must also be remembered that St. Leo lost several players to graduation including Bob DiNucci, a former SLC standout.The Monarchs seemed to lack the spark that has always been a part of the soccer team.

One encouraging note of last week's game was the attendance which may indicate a growing interest in soccer at St. Leo. Even the bleacher bums of Roderick Hall were out in force. It must be noted, however, that many of the Monarch players who went out on College Field and played hard for St. Leo were justifiably upset by the jeering they were subjected to at the hands of the home crowd.

The next game for the Monarchs is Saturday against Flagler College at home.

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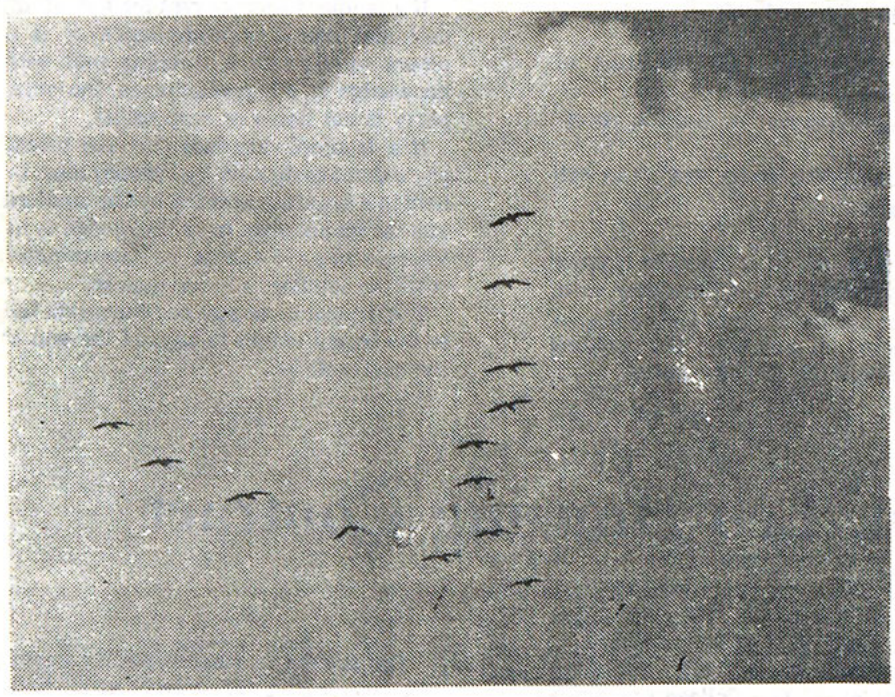

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